

Chambers of Senior Judge Stephen F. Williams

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Stephen F. Williams
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Professor of Law, University of Colorado (1969-1986); Visiting Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice (1966-1969)

Legal Practice: Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Law Institute; Federal Energy Bar Association

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United States District Courts

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

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Number of Judgeships: 3

Areas Covered: Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Randolph, Russell and Tallapoosa

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Chambers of Chief Judge Mark E. Fuller

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Mark E. Fuller
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958
Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 2, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

Staff

Law Clerk **Barbara Wells** (334) 954-3640

Chambers of District Judge Myron H. Thompson

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Myron H. Thompson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: September 29, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Assistant Attorney General, State of Alabama (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

Current Memberships: Alabama Bar Association; Alabama Lawyers Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

Staff

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Education: Fort Valley State 1963 BS

Chambers of Senior Judge Truman M. Hobbs

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Truman M. Hobbs
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1921
Education: North Carolina 1942 AB; Yale 1948 LLB
Began Service: April 14, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Hugo Black, Supreme Court of the United States (1948-1949)

Government: Chairman, Alabama Unemployment Appeal Board (1952-1958)

Legal Practice: Partner, Hobbs, Copeland, Franco & Screws (1949-1980)

Military Service: United States Navy (1942-1946)

Current Memberships: Alabama Bar Association; American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Trial Lawyers Association; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Montgomery County Bar Association